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Re: FY 2022 Q2 Report (April 1, 2022 – June 30, 2022)  
Southeast Rockford Groundwater Contamination Site

Dear Ms. Knoepfle,

This letter is intended to document and fulfill the City of Rockford's obligation to provide quarterly progress reports to the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) as required by the Consent Decree between the USEPA, the IEPA, and the City of Rockford (City) signed by the City October 15, 1997.

Over the second quarter in 2022, the below occurred:

- The first semi-annual groundwater monitoring event was conducted during the period of May 9 – May 13, 2022. Samples were collected from the site groundwater monitoring network locations (35) and sent to Pace Analytical Labs for analysis. No issues or departures from the established monitoring regimen occurred during the sample event. Nationwide Environmental Services, Inc. (NES) is in the process of assembling the field and analytical data results for the first semi-annual monitoring event, and preparing the first semi-annual groundwater monitoring report in accordance with report content revisions identified by USEPA, based on the revised 2021 groundwater report format.
- Field sample collection efforts for PFAS sampling at MW-200 was coordinated between the City, NES, IEPA, and the City of Rockford representatives and a sample was collected on May 18, 2022 with NES sampling personnel assisting IEPA in sample collection.
- The revised UFP-QAPP 2.0 document was submitted to the USEPA and IEPA on June 28, 2022.
- The revised Consolidated 2021 Groundwater Monitoring Report was submitted to the USEPA and IEPA on June 28, 2022.

- Repairs were made to the well head covers at monitoring well location MW-102A,B,C cluster. They were found to be damaged during set-up for the first 2022 semi-annual groundwater monitoring event (May 2022) as a result of heavy vehicle traffic at the monitoring well location. Please note that the MW-102A,B,C well cluster is located in the service yard of the Owens Corning facility and subject to heavy industrial truck traffic. The well head covers for the three wells at the cluster location were replaced prior to the first semi-annual monitoring event. A maintenance request for the monitoring well repair work will be submitted to the City upon receipt of the final repair information.
- Update on 3010 20<sup>th</sup> Street: The City, USEPA, and IEPA have postponed meeting with the property owners to discuss the Deed Notice option until the recent spike in COVID declines.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding this report, please do not hesitate to contact me at (779) 348-7654 or [Jamie.Rott@RockfordIL.gov](mailto:Jamie.Rott@RockfordIL.gov).

Respectfully,



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